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**Comments:**

South Carolina has had too many bad power deals and it needs to end. Please stop Duke Energy's proposed hike in mandatory monthly fees. The fee hike would leave me paying at least \$336 per year before I even turn on a single light, which would be the highest mandatory monthly fee of any investor-owned utility in the nation.

The hardest hit customers by this huge fee hike will be customers who use less energy, often low-income families and seniors, who can least afford it, and households that use solar or energy efficient appliances.

By moving such a large percentage of our bills to mandatory fees that cannot be reduced, no matter how little energy I use, Duke will be taking away my ability to control my electric bill by saving energy. The high mandatory fees will mean low-usage customers will be forced to pay more for using less.

Duke made more than \$3 billion in profit in 2017 and paid their CEO \$21 million, making her the highest paid utility CEO in the nation, yet somehow they now claim they need to collect more from customers.

Duke's proposed fees are unjustified, inequitable, and bad for consumers and the environment.

Utility proposals for huge monthly fees like Duke's have been rejected by regulators and public officials around the country, and I ask that you do whatever you can to protect utility customers and stop Duke's proposal.

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